

Aberdeen Proving Ground (APG) Science and Technology Board Meeting  
March 03, 2003

1. The APG Science and Technology board convened at 1:00 P.M. on March 3, 2003.
2. Attendees at the meeting were:

Mr. Brian Simmons	U.S. Army Developmental Test Command (USADTC)
Dr. Steve Fritz	MD. Economic Development Corp
Mr. Jack Roth	U.S. Army Aberdeen Test Center (ATC)
Mr. Mike Zwiebel	ATC
Mr. Joe Brooks	Northeastern Maryland Technology Council (NMTC)
Mr. Tom Sadowski	Office of Economic Development (OED)
Ms. Denise Carnaggio	OED
Mr. Bill Rutherford	OED
Ms. Crystal Legaluppi	Program Manager Chemical Demil (PMCD)
Dr. Jim LaCalle	Harford Community College (HCC)
Mr. Rich Dimmick	U.S. Army Research Laboratory (ARL)
Mr. Edward Engbest	U.S. Army Environmental Center (AEC)
Dr. Dave Mortin	U.S. Army Materiel Systems Analysis Activity (USAMSAA)
Ms. Crystal Legaluppi	U.S. Army Program Manager Chemical Demilitarization
Mr. Roy Albert	TRsG
Ms. Jane Gevecker-Mello	U.S. Army Ordnance Mechanical Maintenance School
Mr. Bill Rutherford	OED
Mr. Jack Martin	TRI-S
Mr. Stephen Clark	USADTC

1. Mr. Simmons opened the meeting at 1:00 Congressman "Dutch" Ruppertsberger visited DTC; obtained briefings on Test Command, ATC, and over flight of APG. Mr. Ruppertsberger expressed great interest in the APG S&T Board and BDO. He asked that his staff be kept up to date and that we work closely with them. He is very interested in technology transfer. Mr. Ruppertsberger wants to send staffers to S&T Board meetings. Mr. Simmons will talk to his staffers within the next 3 weeks to capitalize on this.

2. Dr. LaCalle stated that there are no new programs within the college to report. HCC continues seeking B.S. degree programs offerings. The intent is to not become a 4-year college. Mr. Simmons asked if the S&T Board could help the effort; Dr. Lacalle will research to see if letters/etc can be submitted to support.

3. Ms. Carnaggio briefed that the current KIDS magazine has an article featuring the Aberdeen Math/Science Academy.

4. Mr. Brooks briefed NMTC. NMTC Website being updated to change it to more of an informative site. NMTC recently published its Tech Directory - copies remain available. NMTC went after 3 proposals with Susquehanna network; completed a member questionnaire and received feedback. Create a NMTC subgroup to work programs to help broaden exposure. Hosted 33 high school teachers and brought in 7 different companies. Dr. Habrowski spoke at annual meeting in January - went well.

5. Mr. Dimmick provided an update on TechTrends 2003. Agenda is built; attempting to garner congressmen to attend. Obtained sponsors. Looking for attendance numbers better than last years. APG will have 6 booths out of 61 exhibit spaces.

6. Mr. Sadowski briefed Technology Development Strategic Plan. Ms. Carnaggio continued brief. Provided comments on APG portion of report in form of constructive criticism. Eight Technology Clusters Identified: Advanced and engineered materials, Advanced manufacturing techniques, Automotive design and testing, Materials testing, Technical services, Information technology, Biotechnology scale-up, and Environmental sciences. APG, seen as one of the largest technology generators for the County, is a significant catalyst for technology in the military and lead technology employer in the County. Challenges exist however for the surrounding community to access those resources. The ties between

APG and regional technology companies is not well established. Force protection measures in place contradict the "open door" goal of APG; varying perceptions regarding military labs and private sector business development, predominate focus on test and evaluation vs. technology development, lack of a unified command, and leadership changes all have a negative impact toward implementing partnerships. Copies of the Strategic Plan are available from the Harford County OED.

7. Mr. Roth briefed ATC LLC. Benefits of LLC include: one stop having intellectual capital, infrastructure and flexibility to provide T&E services and technical answers faster than currently possible. Provides Army a technology incubator enabling rapid development of transformation initiatives and rapid technology infusion to and from the Army and is user friendly to small business. Reduces indirect costs rates and reduces institutional funding burden on the Army. Program will bond industry and academia to government with common goals and missions.

Dr. Fritz briefed TEDCO capabilities and support that it can provide to APG. TEDCO is a three-year experiment. Technology showcases, such as the Bioscience, Medical, and Health event are prime example. Mr. Sadowski suggested that APG generate a letter of support for TEDCO from S&T Board. CLARK ACTION. TEDCO has working on obtaining funding from the state to be used for providing an individual to assist the BDO in building cooperative ventures between MD industry and APG.

8. Mr. Albert provided the BDO report. BDO continues to attend conferences and symposia. BDO will attend the meeting of MD BDOs on May 13 at Ft. Detrick. Bioscience, Health, and Medical Technologies scheduled for March 26, 2003 - joint effort by APG, USAMRMC, and TEDCO. Held at the APG-EA Conference Center. APG activities, to include BDO, will have an exhibit at the TechTrends 2003 event 22-24 April 2003.

Charter resigning ceremony - CLARK ACTION